

## **DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS**

- A. **GENERAL PROHIBITION** (from 40 CFR 403): A User may not introduce into a POTW any pollutant(s) which cause Pass Through or Interference. These general prohibitions and the specific prohibitions in "D" below apply to each User introducing pollutants into a POTW whether or not the User is subject to other National Pretreatment Standards or any National, State, or Local Pretreatment Requirements.
- B. **PROHIBITION AGAINST DILUTION:** No Industrial User shall ever increase the use of process water, or in any other way attempt to dilute as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with a Pretreatment Standard or Requirement.
- C. **PROHIBITION AGAINST BYPASS:** Bypass of wastewater pretreatment is prohibited, and the IWCP may take enforcement action against an industrial user for a bypass, unless the bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage; there were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime; and the industrial user submitted notices in compliance with the Standard Conditions of this permit.
- D. **SPECIFIC PROHIBITIONS:** In addition, a User may not introduce the following discharges into the Metropolitan Sewerage System:
1. **Flammable or Explosive Substances:** Pollutants which create a fire or explosion hazard in the wastewater collection system or treatment plant, including but not limited to, wastestreams with a closed cup flashpoint of less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees Centigrade) using the test methods specified in 40 CFR 261.21;
  2. **Corrosives:** Pollutants which will cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW, but in no case Discharges with pH lower than 5.0 unless a specific variance is granted;
  3. **Hazardous Wastes:** Hazardous wastes, as defined in California Administrative Code, Title 22, Section 66261.3;
  4. **Trucked Pollutants:** Any trucked or hauled pollutants except at discharge points designated by the POTW;
  5. **Toxic and Poisonous Substances:** Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems;
  6. **Substances which may obstruct flow:** Solid or viscous substances in amounts which will cause obstruction to flow in the sewer resulting in Interference;
  7. **Odorous Wastes:** Strongly odorous wastes or wastes tending to evolve strong odors;
  8. **Uncontaminated Water:** Uncontaminated ground, storm, and surface waters, and roof runoff;
  9. **Pretreatment Sludges:** Sludges or deposited solids resulting from an industrial or pretreatment process;
  10. **Heat:** Heated wastestreams having a temperature that is equal to or greater than one hundred and fifty (150) degrees Fahrenheit or sixty-five (65) degrees Centigrade;
  11. **Radioactive Wastes:** Radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half-life or concentrations as may exceed limits established in the "Code of Federal Regulations" at 10 CFR 20, Subpart K;
  12. **Greases and Oils:** Petroleum oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin in amounts that will cause interference or pass through.